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OF THE

FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

East Liberty Baptist Association of Alabama,

HELD WITH

County Line Baptist Church, Chambers Co., Ala.,

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Sept. 24, 25, 26, 1890.

OFFICERS.

JNO. P. SHAFFER, Moderator.....Roanoke, Ala.
WM. C. BLEDSOE, Sec'y and Treas.....LaFayette, "

The next session will be held with the Camp Hill Church, beginning on Wednesday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1891, Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, D. D., appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon; Rev. C. J. Burden, alternate.

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PROCEEDINGS.

COUNTY LINE BAPTIST CHURCH,
CHAMBERS COUNTY, ALA., Sept. 24, 1890.

1. The East Liberty Baptist Association assembled in fifty-fifth annual session in the meeting-house of the County Line Baptist church on Wednesday, September 24, 1890.

2. At 11 o'clock a. m., Rev. Z. D. Roby, D. D., preached the introductory sermon. His text was Heb. 11:27: "As seeing him who is invisible."

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

1:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

3. Rev. Jno. P. Shaffer, the Moderator, called the Association to order.

4. After reading Psalm 1, and when the congregation had sung the hymn, "What a friend we have in Jesus," prayer was offered by Rev. G. A. Hornady, of Tuskegee, Ala.

5. The letters from the churches were read by Rev. G. A. Hornady and W. L. Hood.

6. The Secretary enrolled the following delegates from the churches:

Antioch—W. B. Bledsoe, S. R. Wooddy, W. R. Robertson, W. G. Longshore, T. J. Gilliland.
Beulah—G. W. Hunt, A. C. Bennett, P. H. McGinty, H. Wallace, W. H. Betts.
Bethlehem—F. W. Shank, H. C. Hudson, A. J. Ward.
Bethel (Lee)—O. P. McGill.
Bethel (Chambers)—T. N. Jones, J. C. Smith.
Cusseta—G. W. Shealey, J. B. Barrow, R. H. Autry.
County Line—I. T. Talbot, L. L. Tebow, T. J. Langley, W. G. Jarrell, H. Jarrell.
Camp Hill—A. B. Lee, J. H. Mayne.
Dadeville—R. T. Parker, A. N. Adams, Jos. H. Johnson, C. C. Davis.
Eagle Creek—G. W. Adair, J. H. Morgan, W. D. Litsey, M. T. McKelvey.
Farmville—J. H. Cooper, R. N. Bottsford.
Fellowship—J. W. Martin, E. Sanders, J. W. Dabbs, G. M. Key.
Hickory Flat—M. P. Stoker, H. Patterson.
Lystra—W. A. Cottle, J. D. Smith.
Liberty—F. M. Handley, B. F. Thornton.
LaFayette—J. E. Scarbrough, J. D. Norman, J. J. Adams, J. B. Duke, W. L. Hood.
Lebanon—J. L. Humphrey, C. C. East, W. Y. Harrison, G. R. Scroggins, J. J. Patton.
Milltown—J. M. Rotton, F. L. Mathews, J. B. Finney, W. M. David.
Mt. Zion—J. D. Moss, J. S. Jackson, H. F. Smith.
Mt. Pleasant—Jno. P. Seroyer, J. T. Hester, W. R. Dawson.

New Hope—B. F. Anderson, R. A. Gaines, J. F. Cumbee, M. V. Maley, T. J. Crowder.
Providence—I. T. Morgan, W. G. Meadows.
Pleasant Ridge—H. M. Wilson.
Roanoke—W. Burden, Graves Shaffer, G. W. Stevens, W. Stewart, L. Stewart.
Rock Springs (Chambers)—W. Webb, G. W. Newman, W W. Still, W. F. Abernathy, Chas. E. Finney.
Rock Spring (Tallapoosa)—J. R. Prickett, A. C. Duffy.
Shiloh—Jacob Blackmon, J. L Clifton.
Sandy Creek—J. F. Reynolds, J. T. Fargarson, G. A. Lunceford.
Tallapoosa—Chas. Henderson, J. M. Berry, J. C. Pless.

Total number of churches 29, number of delegates 94.

7. Rev. Jno. P. Shaffer, Roanoke, Ala., and Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, LaFayette, Ala., were re-elected by acclamation Moderator, and Secretary and Treasurer.

8. Upon the call for correspondents and visiting brethren, the following were received:

From the Carey Association—Revs. J. A. Dunn and T. A. Colley, R B. Finney, Robt. Griffin, A. D. Thompson, J. D. Dunn, H. Runyan.
From the Central—Revs. R. A. J. Cumbee and D. S. Martin, D. F. Avant.
From the Tuskegee—Rev. G. A. Hornady.
From the Harris—Rev. G. E. Brewer.

9. Rev. R. A. J. Cumbee was recognized as representing the Judson Institute, Rev. G. A. Hornady as representing the Bible and Colportage Board, Rev. W. C. Bledsoe as vice-president of the Foreign Mission Board for Alabama, Rev. S. P. Lindsey as agent for the Alabama Baptist, Rev. G. E. Brewer as district secretary for Alabama for the American Baptist Publication Society.

10. On motion, the report on Religious Literature was made the special order for 9 a. m. to-morrow.

11. The Moderator announced the following committees for the present session:

Finance—W. R. Dawson, ch'n.; J. E. Scarbrough, F. M. Handley, W. G. Jarrell.
Nominations—J. B. Barrow, ch'n.; J. B. Duke, M. V. Maley.
Religious Services—Pastor and delegates of County Line church.

12. On motion, adjourned to 9 a. m. to-morrow.

13. Prayer by Rev. G. E. Brewer.

THURSDAY MORNING.

9 O'CLOCK A. M.

14. The Association was called to order by the Moderator, who read Psalm 27.

15. The hymn, "Come, thou fount of every blessing," was sung, when the body was led in prayer by Rev. J. E. Herring, of Opelika.

16. The report on Religious Literature having been made the special order for this hour, was called for, and was read by the chairman of the committee as follows:

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We greatly need a copious distribution of a sound Christian literature. The mission of religious literature is for the most part silent, hidden and unknown. Eternity alone will reveal its full work. It is certainly reasonable to believe that the tons and car-loads of publications, in all forms, distributed in every direction, to old and young, have had much to do in producing the unity of doctrine, the co-operation and strength of Christian character that is found in our denomination. Who can measure the influence of the books and tracts in reclaiming wanderers from God; in strengthening the weak, establishing the tempted, comforting the afflicted; in stimulating the activities of our people, and in contributing towards the intelligence and spirituality of our membership all over the land? We know nothing next to a godly mother that more affects the young than the books they read.

We believe our State paper, under its present management, if it receives the intellectual, moral and material support of our people as it ought to do, will largely supply our wants. Therefore, we heartily endorse the Alabama Baptist; earnestly recommend it to our brethren, and ask our pastors to strive to put it into the hands of every Baptist in the Association. It is our paper and will be what we make it. It is the organ of the Baptist Brotherhood of the State, the only means of general communication among our people, and ought to be in every Baptist family. The Home Field, published by the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Foreign Mission Journal, published by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, are valuable little papers, costing but a trifle, and are full of missionary information, and we heartily recommend them to the patronage of our brethren. We also recommend to the patronage of our churches and Sunday-schools the Kind Words series of lesson helps, published by the Home Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

GEO. L. BELL, Ch'n.

17. On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Revs. G. E. Brewer, G. L. Bell, S. P. Lindsey.

18. The report as read, was adopted.

19. On motion, the reports on Missions, and the report on Bible and Colportage, were each read by the chairman of each committee, so that they could be discussed under one general head. The reports follow:

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

This work needs no argument or appeal to show its necessity and its prime importance. Every consideration, both patriotic and Christian, impells, eloquently urges us to do all we can and as soon as we can, to give the pure gospel of Christ to Alabama's entire population. The marvelously rapid increase and the wonderful variety of our State's population admonish us to seize and wisely improve present opportunities. Our missionary may be worth more to the cause of pure Christianity in Alabama to-day than twenty will be worth a few years later. Ten dollars put into State Mission work now may accomplish more than a thousand dollars will in five years from now. Oh, that all of us were wise enough to clearly discern and to rightly read the signs of these stirring times! The crisis is upon us. The question for us to answer—the question that we are answering—is, What shall Alabama's future be? Shall it be the home of infidels, atheists and Romanists? or, shall it be a free and prosperous Christian State, owned and used and controlled for the good of mankind and the glory of our God? Which shall it be? Not what we say, but what we do, is our answer to this momentous question.

With her broad and beautiful and fertile territory, and with her more than three thousand members, the East Liberty Association contributed, last year, to State Missions, less than $700.00. Not more than this amount has

been given during the year now closing. So our answer to the question, What shall Alabama's future be? stands recorded before God and angels and men. It means that we are so much interested that we give nearly twenty-five cents apiece, every twelve months, to preserve and perpetuate the priceless boon of pure Christianity in our beloved State!

The more than ninety thousand white Missionary Baptists in our State contributed to this work, during the sixteen months preceding our last Convention, less than $13,000. Thus, their recorded answer stands to the question, What shall Alabama's future be? It means that our people generally are so intensely interested in the future well-being of their country and their children, that they willingly give nearly fourteen cents apiece in sixteen months!

The State Mission Board has about fifty men employed a part or all of their time. Less than one missionary for every eighteen thousand members in our churches.

Number of baptisms reported, 345; churches constituted, 14; Sunday-schools organized, 54; prayer meetings organized, 82. These figures give some idea of what our missionaries did last year.

Our State Mission Board asks the churches to give, this year, $15,000 for State Missions. No doubt this amount will be contributed. Instead of $700, the East Liberty could give $3,000 to this work and then not average a dollar per member. Instead of $13,000 in sixteen months, the Baptists of the State should give $50,000 to this work in a year, and that would be but little more than half a dollar per member. Instead of fifty men employed a half or a fourth of their time, we should have 100 strong, consecrated, able preachers employed all their time. Brethren, there is much, very much to do, and if we do not work more earnestly than we are now working the field will grow less hopeful and then the answer, "as to what Alabama's moral future is to be," may be forever sealed.

Z. D. Roby, Ch'n.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The design of the Home Mission Board is to distribute missionary information and to stimulate effort throughout the Southern States, the Island of Cuba and the Indian Territory. Yet it does not conflict with any local mission work. It endeavors to secure the earnest, systematic co-operation of State boards, and all similar organizations, in raising and collecting money for missionary purposes. In no other way could our missionary work be so effectually done. Nothing is more desirable than for harmony to exist throughout our whole line of work, and to sustain a friendly relationship among the different boards.

During the forty-five years the Home Board has been in existence, great good has been done through her instrumentality. She has sent out missionaries to preach the gospel and to give away Bibles and Testaments to those who were unable to buy them. In many places has built comfortable houses of worship. It is gratifying to know that so much good has been accomplished by the Home Board; yet, how much more could have been done had our churches been more liberal in their contributions.

The summary of the work done by the Home Board last conventional year, is as follows:

Missionaries among foreign population		30
" colored people		50
" native white population		270
Missionaries in Cuba		21
Total number		371
Weeks of labor		13,840
Churches and stations		1,182
Sermons and addresses		38,741
Received by baptism	4,477	
" letter	3,621	
Total addition		8,098

Sunday-schools organized	336
Teachers and pupils	12,420
Churches organized	267
Houses of worship built	84
Pages of tracts distributed	857,400
Bibles and Testaments distributed	5,728

Cash received from May 1st, 1889, to May 1st, 1890, $68,297 76. Of this amount contributed to the Home Board, Alabama gave $4,336.17. The East Liberty Association gave $198.20.

At the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Home Board made a special report on the new work which ought to be done the present year. This communication was referred to a committee and the report of said committee urged, and the Convention unanimously voted, that the new work be undertaken and the churches of the Convention be solicited to contribute the amount necessary to support it. To do this work the board asks for $43,000 in addition to what was received last year. This is a small amount to be asked from so many Southern Baptist people. There were baptized into the fellowship of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention last year 77,500 believers. These churches aggregate 1,250,000 members.

Brethren, let us gird ourselves for this work, and relying upon our Lord for help, strive to meet the very pressing demands that are upon our boards.

Respectfully submitted,

J. P. HUNTER, Ch'n.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Twice our Lord Jesus Christ gave us the great commission: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." His followers have been carrying out his instructions with more or less efficiency, so that now there are not many portions of our earth where Christ has not been named, and in many lands he is, nominally, at least, acknowledged to be Lord of all.

We will confine this report to the missions of the foreign board which now has its representatives in five continents,—Asia (China and Japan), Africa, Europe (Italy), South America (Brazil) and North America (Mexico). A brief glance at these missions is all that can be attempted in this report.

CHINA—Is the last great pagan empire that now exists on the earth, and is commonly spoken of by missionaries as the Gibraltar of Paganism. Its population is from 350,000,000 to 400,000,000. The death rate is 12,441,600 a year. This death rate would sweep off the population of the United States in five years. To Christless graves these millions are going, while we withhold the knowledge of Christ from them. We have missions in three parts of the empire—in Southeast China, in Central China and in Northeast China. For the conventional year of 1889-90 the statistics of the China missions were: Missionaries, native and foreign, 67; churches, 13, with a number of stations where the gospel is preached; baptisms, 83; members, 806; schools, male, 7; female, 9; mixed, 2; scholars, male, 135; female, 153; contributions, $728.34.

The changed attitude of the government, from that of hostility to that of friendliness towards missionaries and their work; a still more marked change for the better in the feelings of the people, together with the gradual opening of the minds of the people to the embrace of Western ideas, encourage the belief that the day of rejoicing over many converts in China is near at hand.

AFRICA.—The work of the Southern Baptists in this field is only a few years old. The history of this mission has been one of great suffering and sorrow, together with the truest heroism and most thorough consecration on the part of the laborers—consecration even unto the laying down of life itself. Truly our work in Africa has been baptized in the tears of God's saints on the field and at home, and made sacred by the sufferings and deaths of the missionaries. The work of the Southern Baptist Convention has been the most successful of any missionary work in Africa. The statistics of the board for the year 1889-90 show the condition of work at present

to be as follows: Missionaries, 17; organized churches, 4; baptisms, 1; members, 58; contributions, $24.00; schools, mixed, 3; scholars, 150. Though the work moves slowly, yet the prospects are brighter than ever, though brightness adheres ever to the promise, "Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hands to God."

ITALY.—Our mission work was begun here in 1871 under charge of Dr. W. N. Cate. In 1873 Dr. George B. Taylor was appointed our missionary to Rome. With Dr. Taylor has been associated Rev. J. H. Eager, who has proved himself a most enthusiastic as well as a wise and prudent worker. Quite a number of native ministers are employed by our board as pastors and evangelists. The following table of statistics will give some idea of the progress of the work: Missionaries, native and foreign, 21; churches and stations, 56; members, 255; baptisms, 59; schools, 2; scholars, 35; contributions, $1,738. From its very beginning this work sprang into a first-class mission, and ever since has been making steady and substantial growth. In almost every important city, from the Alps to the Gulf of Taranto, a light is burning from a gospel candlestick. The work in this mission is being done very largely by men raised up by God from among the churches, our American brethren having a general oversight of all.

BRAZIL.—In 1879 the Southern Baptist Convention expressed the hope that the board would feel authorized to enter Brazil at as early a day as its means would justify. The board soon after appointed her first missionary in the person of Rev. E. H. Quillen to Brazil.

In 1881 Rev. W. B. Bagby and wife sailed for Brazil, and they have been followed by several others so that now Brazil is fully open to the preaching of the gospel, and our board is the only Baptist organization at work there. The Roman Catholic priest frequently incite the people to deeds of violence, but the word is preached and many people are coming to the light. A revolution has occurred in Brazil by which the empire has been overthrown and a republic established. This means political and religious freedom, and now is a favorable time for Baptists to take Brazil. The following statistics will show the work there: Missionaries, native and foreign, 21; churches and stations, 21; baptisms, 53; members, 312; contributions, $760.

MEXICO.—This mission is a babe in point of age, but the babe is a giant. In 1880 the board appointed its first missionary, Rev. J. O. Westrup, who was murdered by Indians and Mexicans. The next was Rev. W. D. Powell in 1881. Surprising and most gratifying success has attended his labors from the first, as the following statistics will show: Missionaries, native and foreign, 34; churches and stations, 34; baptisms, 213; members, 782; schools, male, 2; female, 3; mixed, 1; scholars, male, 50; female, 132; contributions, $1,430.53. This mission is a marvel considering its youth. The intelligence of our sister republic, winging away from the churchism of Rome, seems to seek the liberty of the truth in Christ.

JAPAN.—The youngest of our missions is Japan. On the 5th of November, 1889, brothers Brunson, of South Carolina, and McCollum, of Alabama, arrived in the city of Kobe as the first missionaries of the board to Japan. Our young missionaries are full of hope, and the field is full of promises, if the lives and health of the missionaries are preserved. The next convention will no doubt have from them some cheering reports.

In all our foreign fields we have 164 missionaries, 62 organized churches, 161 preaching stations, members 2,213, baptized last year 409, 29 schools and 675 scholars, contributions $4,680.87, an average of $2 07 per member. From all parts of our mission fields, as well as from almost all the mission fields in the world, are coming tidings of the presence of the Spirit of God working salvation among the people. Every report that comes from a foreign field telling of souls converted under the preaching of the Word, is a voice from God emphasizing that last command of our risen Lord, "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Every such report tells us that Jesus is fulfilling his promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." God is calling us, however humble or exalted, however poor or rich, however learned or ignorant, to meet him upon the field of battle against the powers of darkness, and to help him to overcome

these. He is calling upon us to help him in giving the heathen to his Son for his inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for his possessions. None are exempted from this call, and let none dare to refuse lest in the end the curse of Meroz come upon him.

The board expended in the work during the conventional year ending April 30, 1890, $107,251 86, of this amount Alabama paid $6,358 79. Our Association contributed last year $368 50 to foreign missions.

C. J. Burden, Ch'n,
F. M. Handley,
W. L. Hill,
B. J. Vines,
W. J. Smith.

REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

Your committee on Bible and Colportage Work beg leave to submit the following:

At the last session of the Alabama Baptist Convention the Bible and Colportage work was detached from the State Mission Board and a new board organized and located at Opelika, W. E. Hudmon being made president; and the Book Depository was moved from Marion to Opelika and J. B. Collier was appointed by the new board storekeeper and secretary. The last State Convention asked the churches to raise during this conventional year the sum of $2,000 for the benefit of the colportage work in the State. Up to this time there have been only about $328 contributed by the churches and Sunday-schools, and about four-fifths of that amount has been contributed by the churches and Sunday-schools of East Alabama. The Americen Baptist Publication Society donated in books and Bibles the amount of $400, for which our people should be very grateful and should show their appreciation and gratitude by patronizing the Publication Society. The new board opened up and commenced business about the first of January. The sale of books and periodicals up to date have been about $3,200 worth.

There are six colporteurs in the State, all doing well, and with increased facilities, more could be added. We believe the work being done by the Bible and Colportage Board is very much needed, and that it will bear as much final fruit to our Baptist cause in Alabama as any work being done in the State. The work of this board brings one branch of our missionary work to our own homes. By and through it we build before our own doors. Its work is to go from house to house; to go out into the highways and hedges, and if possible, compel them to come in. It is absolutely home mission work. It has for its object the dissemination of God's blessed word, together with other good religious books adapted to the use and benefit of all classes, but more especially to the children and youths of our families. Books that set forth our own peculiar and distinctive doctrines and church policy; doctrines taught by Christ and his apostles and practiced by the apostolic churches. In this day of unrest, and of the new Theology, our people should be thoroughly indoctrinated in the principles of our churches and aroused to the needs of the hour. We would urge upon our people the necessity of buying books setting forth the history and doctrines of our Baptist churches. To be established in the faith, once for all delivered to the saints, is the great need of the hour. To be intensely evangelistic and missionary should characterize our people and enlist every one in the grand and noble enterprises in which our churches are now engaged. The work of the Colportage and Bible Board is now being done by our Bro. Thomas B. Fargason within the bounds of our own and the Central Association. Give, brethren, to him all your orders for religious books, Bibles and Testaments. He can and will do better by you than to order yourself from the Depository. He is our agent in the field, and will treat you right and make it to your interest to patronize him. The following is a summary of Bro. Fargason's work for the last associational year:

Days of service 355, miles traveled 2,400, families visited 726, churches visited 54, sermons preached 87, addresses made 40, Sunday-schools addressed 12, prayer meetings held 12, families without the Bible 41, Bibles donated 20, Testaments donated 25, value of Bibles and Testaments donated $8.24, Sunday-schools organized 1, received by letter 10, baptized by others in con-

nection with his labors 8, number of books sold 843, value of books sold $546.85, pages of tracts distributed 3,380.

Your committee would very respectfully recommend that the work be continued, and that the colporteur be allowed to extend the selling of books in adjacent Associations where they have no colporteur in the field.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. JOHNSON,
J. I. BEDELL,
CHAS. HENDERSON,
W. MADDEN,
THOS. B. FARGASON,
Committee.

20. A motion was made to adopt the reports.

21. The following named brethren discussed the reports: Revs. Z. D. Roby, C. J. Burden, J. E. Herring.

22. Pending the discussion the Association adjourned to 1 p. m.

23. Prayer by Rev. J. P. Hunter.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

1 O'CLOCK P. M.

24. Met according to adjournment.

25. The congregation sang the hymn, "From Greenland's icy mountains," and prayer was offered by Rev. D. S. Martin.

26. The discussion of missions and Bible and colportage work was continued by Revs. G. A. Hornady, J. R. Stodghill, Z. D. Roby, J. P. Shaffer, T. B. Fargarson.

27. The reports were adopted.

28. Pledges were taken for next year's work. (See last pages of the minutes.)

29. The report on Temperance was read as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

One of the greatest evils of the present age is intemperance. One of the saddest spectacles is, a once promising manhood wrecked and ruined by the rum habit.

Alcoholic drinks blunt men mentally and morally, and wreck them physically and spiritually. Thus ruined, men lose sight of their obligations to themselves, to their families, to their fellowmen, and to their Creator.

Temperance has been well defined as "The moderate use of things necessary, and total abstinence from things unnecessary." Whisky drinking, as a beverage, is unnecessary; and is actually obnoxious to most good people. The moderate drinker is the most dangerous drinker of all; for by his example many are led to believe that they, too, can drink moderately; and thus tempted, they fill drunkard's graves.

Some physicians hold that whisky is necessary for medicinal purposes; but is not the remedy worse than the disease?

If a man die for want of a stimulant his soul is not lost thereby; but if a man fills a drunkard's grave, he will be an occupant of a drunkard's hell.

The spirit of temperance is gaining ground. The days of the grog-shop are numbered. Public sentiment is forcing whisky into the background. The day is not far distant when there will not be a licensed "bar-room" in the bounds of the East Liberty Association.

Those who have been drinking for years are "joined to their idols," and many of them will doubtless continue to advocate and drink "ardent spirits."

The hope of temperance lies in the fact that the coming generations will be taught to look down on the rum habit as it deserves, and will, therefore, be not given to strong drink. May God hasten the day.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HAMNER, Ch'n.

30. On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Revs. Herring, Hamner, Shaffer; Robertson, Echols, Walker.

31. The report was adopted.

32. The report on Deceased Ministers was read, as follows:

DECEASED MINISTERS.

It is with thankfulness to God that your committee report no deaths among the ministers in our bounds during the past associational year.

A. S. BRANNON, Ch'n.

33. The report was adopted.

34. On motion, adjourned to 9 a. m. to-morrow.

35. Prayer by Rev. T. B. Fargarson.

FRIDAY MORNING.

9 O'CLOCK, P. M.

36. The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

37. The 106th Psalm was read by Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, and the congregation sang the hymn, "Precious Name," after which Rev. J. H. Cline led in prayer.

38. The Moderator called for the report on Education, which was read as follows:

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Very much has been said and written on the subject of Christian education. To just what extent it should be encouraged, or as to whether or not denominational schools should prevail altogether, has been and is a question of great moment. The friends of anti-denominational education insist that, not only do you contract and circumscribe the usefulness and influence of your son's or daughter's education and accomplishments to the limits of his or her church, very largely, but they frequently insist that the education received is not of that broad type and extended curriculum that best prepares young men and women for the conflicts of life. And while the committee are very strong friends of denominational schools, no doubt but the arguments of our anti-denominational educational friends will have a good effect and be the means of our remedying any evils that may exist in our system. There is no reason why our colleges should not—in fact they do—take positions that keep them abreast the times; but in this age of diversified industries and progress, they must, if they would succeed well, hold out to our young men and women all the advantages of State or parochial schools. Denominations stand by their young men and women whether educated at State or church schools,—they ever have and they ever will; but if we would that our institutions of learning stand in the front rank with the great colleges of the country, and compete with them successfully, they must have as comfortable, commodious and attractive buildings, dormitories and laboratories as other institutions; and it is not at all objectionable for them to be richly endowed. True the great majority of our colleges are not

endowed, and the arguments against endowment are strong, but the necessity is upon denominational colleges, and the importance of it fully realized.

It is not expected that this report should treat of the subject in an elaborate sense. Indeed the committee would not undertake such a task, and they feel qualified to discharge such a duty. But we would add that education, that is not tripartite in its nature, mental, moral and physical, is education misnamed and misapplied. If true, is there not a very grave responsibility resting upon us as a denomination in connection with the school system of the country. Fill our church schools full and to overflowing and then you barely have a representation of the great hosts of Baptist boys and girls that must be taught in the common schools of the country. Is it not true? If so, every Baptist owes it to his children and church, to his country and his God, to see to it that no teacher has charge of the children in his community who is not a leader in this three-fold and only true education. There must be a teacher in every community, and whether he or she be a Baptist or not —and of course this can not always be so—necessarily Baptist boys and girls must be taught, and none but he who walks circumspectly before my boy, will be permitted to teach him. This thought may be, by the way, but the committee desire to say it. Psychologists tell us that the brain is a great mass of cells, susceptible of taking, and that it does retain, every fact or truth placed in one of these small cells or pigeon holes. And if the true principles of mental, moral and physical education are stored away in these cells, and there are vacuums still, we are quite sure a good Baptist father or mother can and will fill in just enough Calvinism to round up and complete the education. But we can plainly see, if these cells are mostly filled with trash and evil things, there must be contamination, and as the sparks are prone to go upwards, so is our nature inclined to evil: there will be an over reproduction of those things which should never have been learned or given place. It has been well said: "If the soul is left in darkness, sins will be committed, but the guilty one is not he who commits the sin, but he who causes the darkness."

The committee are glad there is no necessity for stressing the importance of an educated ministry in the good old East Liberty. But from time to time young men will go from among us and take their places in the ministry. If we are a little inclined to be selfish on that line, and regard our territory as a kind of training school, let us never lose sight of the good old watchword, first consecration and devotion, and then education and ordination. But there is a great destitution, in this regard, almost at our door; then let us, with a will and zest that characterize our people, come to the rescue.

Perhaps it is in keeping with our duty to add, that Howard College has passed the crisis, and upon the walls of the outer guard may be heard the pleasing information: Our old and contracted quarters are full and overflowing, the new are being raised before our eyes; let Jehovah be praised and our God glorified. Last year was one of the best years of the college, but with finer prospects than ever before has it opened this fall. We believe over 200 young men will be matriculated during the year. We trust and believe our people will ever rejoice when they remember that our devotion adds to its success in many ways. With pride we can say, Howard College is ours, and is the pride of the Baptist brotherhood and sisterhood of Alabama.

We rejoice, also, at the continued success of the Judson Institute. With the Judson in South Alabama and the Howard in North Alabama; with a generous patronage from all over the State, and a hearty public sentiment; with prosperity and development, going hand in hand, we conclude that God's blessings are upon us, and we trust in it all His name may be glorified.

WM. L. HOOD, Chairman.

39. On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Lindsey, Shaffer, Herring and Cline.

40. The report was adopted.

41. The report on Sunday-schools was read as follows:

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Out of 29 churches, 25 Sunday-schools are reported, against 22 last year; 130 teachers, with 1214 scholars, against 115 teachers and 1218 scholars last year. This shows an increase in the number of schools and teachers and slight decrease in number of scholars.

The Sunday-schools sent up to this meeting $337.28 for missions. Your committee feel encouraged—the above figures show that good work is being done in this department. We long for the time when in every church there will be a well organized school.

We offer the following resolutions, and ask their adoption:

1. That this Association heartily commends the action of the Southern Baptist Convention at its last session in establishing a Sunday-school committee at Louisville, Ky., which will, after June 1st, 1891, have charge of the Kind Words series of Sunday-school helps; and that we do hereby heartily recommend to our Sunday-schools the Kind Words series.

2. That we recommend to our schools, in addition to the usual helps, the introduction of a strong Baptist catechism.

W. C. BLEDSOE, Chm'n.

42. On motion to adopt, the report was discussed by Bledsoe, Stodghill, Stevens and Hood.

43. The Association elected Rev. W. C. Bledsoe as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention to meet at Birmingham, Alabama, on Friday, May 8th, 1891.

44. The Association elected Rev. Jno. P. Shaffer and Rev. Z. D. Roby as entitled to be placed on the Alabama delegation to the Southern Baptist Convention on the basis of contributions made to the boards of the Convention by the East Liberty Association.

45. The following were chosen as delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention to meet at Mobile on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, 1890: Jno. P. Shaffer, W. C. Bledsoe, Z. D. Roby, J. W. Hamner, J. P. Hunter, J. R. Stodghill, T. B. Fargarson, W. L. Hood, Graves Shaffer, J. H. Johnson; alternates, C. J. Burden, J. L. Gregory.

46. The Finance committee made their report, which was, on motion, adopted. (See close of minutes.)

47. The following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the fifth Sunday meetings be held at the following places:

At Beulah, beginning on Friday before 5th Sunday in November, 1890.
" Roanoke, " " " " " " " March, 1891.
" Rock Spring (C), beginning on Friday before 5th Sunday in May, 1891.
" Tallapoosa, " " " " " " " Aug., 1891.

(Let it be remembered that these meetings are in the nature of Ministers' and Deacons' Institutes, and that programs for the same are to be prepared by the pastors of the churches where they are to be held; also, that all members of our churches in good standing are entitled to seats in the meeting.)

2. *Resolved*, That any members of our churches, in good standing, who may be present at the meeting of other Associations, are hereby authorized to represent this body as correspondents from us.

3. *Resolved*, That the Moderator be allowed to prepare and forward to the Secretary the standing committees to report at the session of 1891.

4. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this body are hereby tendered to the members of County Line church and to the citizens of the vicinity, for their very cordial welcome to us, and for their unbounded hospitality.

5. *Resolved*, That the Secretary be allowed $25.00 out of the minute fund for his services.

6. *Resolved*, That the next session of this Association be held with the Camp Hill church.

48. The committee on Nominations made the following report:

Your committee nominate Rev. W. C. Bledsoe, D. D., to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this body, with Rev. C. J. Burden as alternate. They also nominate the following Executive committee: Jno. P. Shaffer, ch'n.; Jos. H. Johnson, W. C. McIntosh, W. H. Payne, W. R. Dawson, R. T. Parker.

J. B. BARROW,
J. B. DUKE,
M. V. MALEY,
Committee.

49. The report was adopted.

50. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Association appoint a President, two Vice-Presidents and a Secretary, whose duty it shall be to correspond with all the Sunday-schools in the Association, and at sometime during the coming year ask that representatives from each school may meet together and permanently organize a Sunday-school Convention; and that this convention shall, at all times, be under the supervision of this Association and be named The East Liberty Sunday-school Convention.

51. The Association selected Geo. W. Stevens, president; N. D. Denson and Geo. A. Shealey, vice-presidents, and W. L. Hood, secretary.

52. On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with Camp Hill church, Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1891.

53. The congregation united in singing, "How firm a foundation," during which many brethren and sisters clasped hands in Christian fellowship with the hope that if permitted to meet no more on earth they might meet in heaven.

54. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. W. C. Bledsoe.

55. The Moderator then declared that the Association was adjourned to meet with the Camp Hill church on Wednesday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1891.

JNO. P. SHAFFER, MODERATOR.

W. C. BLEDSOE, Sec'y and Treas.

PLEDGES FOR THE NEXT YEAR.

Antioch	$ 75 00	Lebanon	$ 30 00
Beulah	35 00	LaFayette	200 00
Bethlehem	60 00	Milltown	50 00
Bethel (C.)	15 00	Mt. Zion	10 00
Bethel (L.)	25 00	Mt. Pleasant	
Cusseta	100 00	New Hope	60 00
County Line	125 00	Providence	35 00
Camp Hill	75 00	Pleasant Ridge	25 00
Dadeville	150 00	Roanoke	100 00
Eagle Creek		Rock Spring (C)	50 00
Farmville	25 00	Rock Spring (T.)	
Fellowship	20 00	Shiloh	
Hickory Flat	15 00	Sandy Creek	25 00
Lystra		Tallapoosa	25 00
Liberty	20 00		
		Total	$1,350 00

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee beg leave to submit the following report: The churches have sent up to this Association $2,378.66, of which $1,412.33 are vouchers and $952.58 in cash, distributed as follows:

For Home Missions	$ 205 72
Foreign Missions	442 64
State Missions	597 08
Bible and Colportage Board	316 02
Board of Ministerial Education	106 67
Aged and Infirm Ministers	26 90
Howard College	492 90
Judson Institute	103 55
Minutes	73 43
Total	$2364 91

We have examined the vouchers of your Treasurer for funds disbursed by him and find them correct.

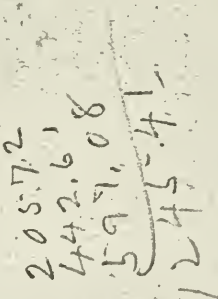
W. R. Dawson, Ch'n.

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF EAST LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—1890.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	State Missions.	Bible and Colportage.	Ministerial Education.	Aged and Infirm Ministers.	Howard College.	Judson Female Institute (Building).	Minutes.	Vouchers.	Cash.	Total.
Antioch	$ 10 00	$ 22 00	$ 25 85	$ 5 70	.....	.....	$ 25 00	.....	$ 2 45	$ 56 20	$ 34 80	$ 91 00
Beulah	.....	20 00	21 59	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	15 35	29 24	44 59
Bethlehem	10 00	5 00	20 00	30 00	13 41	.....	.....	.....	3 00	46 78	34 63	81 41
Bethel (C.)	.....	7 00	5 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	.....	15 00	15 00
Bethel (L.)	3 50	3 50	7 00	2 00	3 00	2 10	1 50	1 05	2 50	2 25	23 60	26 15
Cusseta	33 28	56 45	54 04	6 19	.....	.....	.....	25 00	2 50	127 54	40 92	168 46
County Line	12 00	46 45	41 00	10 00	10 00	5 00	43 75	.....	4 00	97 50	74 70	172 20
Camp Hill	.....	3 68	64 92	22 55	10 00	.....	6 25	25 00	2 08	128 72	5 76	134 48
Dadeville	17 80	27 80	46 40	43 00	15 03	.....	25 00	52 50	4 75	199 50	32 75	232 25
Eagle Creek	25	25	10 90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 60	.....	13 00	13 00
Farmville	5 00	5 00	18 33	2 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 00	18 05	15 69	33 74
Fellowship	5 00	8 00	8 00	2 00	1 00	1 00	.....	.....	2 00	14 00	13 00	27 00
Hickory Flat	2 00	2 00	3 00	3 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	11 50	11 50
Lafayette	24 00	91 45	10 00	65 00	21 00	.....	80 00	.....	3 00	161 45	133 00	294 45
Lystra	2 00	5 00	2 95	2 05	3 00	.....	.....	.....	1 00	2 20	13 80	16 00
Liberty	1 00	8 00	2 00	2 45	1 00	55	6 25	.....	2 00	16 70	6 55	23 25
Lebanon	10 00	5 00	10 00	2 75	.....	.....	23 75	.....	2 50	23 75	30 25	54 00
Milltown	10 00	20 00	15 00	.....	5 00	10 00	30 00	.....	3 00	37 15	55 85	93 00
Mt. Zion	.....	75	9 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	11 50	11 50
Mt. Pleasant	3 00	3 00	71 84	20 16	2 00	.....	75 00	.....	3 00	155 19	22 81	178 00
New Hope	5 35	11 45	38 75	5 50	.....	.....	31 40	.....	2 50	44 35	50 60	94 95
Providence	10 44	23 06	23 06	23 06	.....	.....	25 00	.....	2 75	33 00	74 37	107 37
Pleasant Ridge	2 00	6 25	12 50	1 00	1 00	2 25	.....	.....	2 00	.....	27 00	27 00
Roanoke	10 00	20 00	62 20	52 80	15 00	5 00	75 00	.....	5 00	145 75	99 25	245 00
Rock Spring (C.)	5 00	20 00	15 00	5 00	6 26	.....	45 00	.....	4 30	70 00	30 56	100 56
Rock Spring (T.)	4 00	3 00	.....	2 00	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	11 00	11 00
Shiloh	6 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 00	.....	7 50	7 50
Sandy Creek	3 60	7 00	7 00	7 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	2 50	16 60	10 90	27 50
Tallapoosa	10 00	11 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50	.....	23 05	23 05
Totals	$ 205 72	$ 442 64	$ 597 08	$ 316 02	$ 106 67	$26 90	$ 492 90	$ 103 55	$73 43	$ 1,412 33	$ 952 58	$ 2,364 91

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CHURCHES.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Dead.	Membership.	S. S. Teachers.	S. S. Scholars.	Days of Meeting.	Report Prayer-meetings.
Antioch	6	4	.....	9	9	1	188	8	45	1	1
Beulah	.....	2	.....	7	...	1	117	5	50	4	1
Bethlehem	4	3	...	10	2	1	107	3	20	4	
Bethel (C.)	4	6	1	3	2	...	101	4	30	2	
Bethel (L.)	10	2	2	6	...	1	83	...	....	4	
Cusseta	17	20	....	6	....	....	95	5	45	2	1
County Line	23	6	.....	2	....	4	255	10	50	2	1
Camp Hill	3	12	....	3	....	...	59	4	72	3	
Dadeville	7	.....	....	14	....	...	105	11	100	2—4	1
Eagle Creek	16	8	2	5	....	3	120	.....	....	2	
Farmville	8	....	....	1	....	2	91	4	32	2	1
Fellowship	15	2	3	5	3	1	117	4	25	3	1
Hickory Flat	4	4	..	1	....	4	33	3	45	3	1
LaFayette	16	28	1	2	1	1	165	14	100	2	
Lystra	4	3	....	2	...	....	64	4	15	2	
Liberty	4	5	....	3	....	2	60	3	25	4	
Lebanon	4	6	1	5	....	1	132	4	40	2—4	1
Milltown	7	4	....	9	3	4	142	5	35	1	
Mt. Zion	8	6	1	4	2	.....	75	....	....	1	
Mt. Pleasant	....	....	....	8	1	2	83	4	20	1	1
New Hope	14	10	2	21	.....	3	159	4	72	4	1
Providence	....	5	...	8	...	2	75	4	35	1	
Pleasant Ridge	2	9	...	7	1	1	69	6	42	3	1
Roanoke	9	16	...	12	1	1	175	8	100	1—3	1
Rock Spring (C.)	4	7	.....	7	1	4	235	4	60	3	
Rock Spring (T.)	11	....	....	2	2	...	48	4	30	4	1
Shiloh	2	2	.....	9	.....	2	33	....	....	4	1
Sandy Creek	6	4	1	2	.....	.....	99	3	25	4	
Tallapoosa	3	5	....	11	....	..	87	5	65	3	1
Totals	211	179	15	184	28	37	3172	130	1214		16



CHURCH AND SUNDAY-SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

Pastors & Post-offices.	Clerks & Post-offices.	Churches.	S. S. Superintendents & P. O.	S. S. Secretaries & Post-offices.
J. W. Hamner, Fredonia, Ala.	E. B. Clark, LaFayette, Ala	1. Antioch	J. T. Hood, LaFayette, Ala	T. R. Jones, LaFayette, Ala.
Z. D. Roby, Camp Hill, Ala.	W. M. Bass, Beulah, Ia	2. Beulah	G. W. Hunt, Beulah, Ala	W. W. Blackman, Beulah, Ala.
J. W. Hamner, Fredonia, Ala	B. T. Smith, Ossannipa, Ala	3. Bethlehem	H. W. Oliver, Ossannipa, Ala.	W. P. McGinty, Ossannipa, Ala.
W. H. Bedell, Waverly, Ala.	W. R. Rodgers, Mary, Tallapoosa Co., Ala	4. Bethel, L	No Sunday-school	
J. C. Motley, Daviston, Ala.	T. N. Jones, Welch, Ala.	5. Bethel, C	M. L. Cook, Welch, Ala.	C. H. Cole, Welch, Ala.
W. E. Lloyd, Auburn, Ala.	A. F. Stanley, Cusseta, Ala.	6. Cusseta	G. W. Shealey, Cusseta, Ala.	F. K. Middleton, Cusseta, Ala.
C. J. Burden, Dudleyville, Ala.	W. G. Jarrell, Milltown, Ala.	7. County Line	I. T. Talbot, Dudleyville, Ala.	J. C. Talbot, LaFayette, Ala
Z. D. Roby, Camp Hill, Ala.	J. H. Mayfield, Camp Hill, Ala.	8. Camp Hill	T. J. Gann, Camp Hill, Ala	H. W. Spinks, Camp Hill, Ala.
Jno. P. Shaffer, Roanoke, Ala.	W. C. McIntosh, Dadeville, Ala.	9. Dadeville	J. H. Johnson, Dadeville, Ala.	G. J. Sorrells, Dadeville, Ala.
A. S. Brannon, Tohopeka, Ala.	Jno. L. Shepherd, Tohopeka, Ala.	10. Eagle Creek	No Sunday-school	
A. S. Brannon, Tohopeka, Ala.	J. I. Bedell, Auburn, Ala.	11. Farmville	J. H. Cooper, Auburn, Ala.	L. L. Cooper, Auburn, Ala.
C. J. Burden, Dudleyville, Ala.	W. A. Hunter, Buttston, Ala.	12. Fellowship	T. V. Johnson, Buttston, Ala.	W. T. Key, Buttston, Ala.
M. J. Sorrells, Stroud, Ala.	O. D. Worthy, Hickory Flat, Ala	13. Hickory Flat	J. F. Breed, Hickory Flat, Ala	Jas. Cline, Hickory Flat, Ala.
J. R. Stodghill, Chapel Hill, Ala	R. J. Hammond, Five Points, Ala.	14. Lystra	W. A. Cottle, Five Points, Ala.	J. R. Hammond, Five Points, Ala.
J. W. Hamner, Fredonia, Ala.	J. D. Orr, Louina, Ala.	15. Liberty	F. M. Handley, Louina, Ala.	J. D. Orr, Louina, Ala.
G. L. Bell, Jackson's Gap, Ala.	Z. F. East, Dadeville, Ala.	16. Lebanon	J. L. Humphrey, Dadeville, Ala.	J. L. Gregory, Dadeville, Ala.
W. G. Bledsoe, LaFayette, Ala.	Geo. E. Burnett, LaFayette, Ala.	17. LaFayette	N. D. Denson, LaFayette, Ala.	Geo. E. Burnett, LaFayette, Ala.
C. J. Burden, Dudleyville, Ala.	R. L. Gaines, Milltown, Ala.	18. Milltown	W. G. Jarrell, Milltown, Ala.	R. L. Gaines, Milltown, Ala.
J. A. Dunn, Daviston, Ala.	C. W. Haralson, Denver, Ala.	19. Mt. Zion	No Sunday-school	
Z. D. Roby, Camp Hill, Ala.	R. H. Bledsoe, Camp Hill, Ala	20. Mt. Pleasant	B. H. Walker, Camp Hill, Ala.	J. P. Scroyer, Jr., Camp Hill, Ala.
J. P. Hunter, LaFayette, Ala.	H. A. Wimbush, Fredonia, Ala.	21. New Hope	C. Cook, Fredonia, Ala.	H. A. Wimbush, Fredonia, Ala.
W. G. Bledsoe, LaFayette, Ala.	J. B. Askew, West Point, Ga.	22. Providence	I. T. Morgan, West Point, Ga.	W. G. Meadows, West Point, Ga.
W. A. Roberson, Dadeville, Ala	W. C. Roeck, Dadeville, Ala	23. Pleasant Ridge	W. C. Roeck, Dadeville, Ala.	Chas. Patterson, Dadeville, Ala.
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W. G. Bledsoe, LaFayette, Ala.	J. C. Webb, LaFayette, Ala.	25. Rock Spring, C	L. B. Stroud, Chapel Hill, Ala.	Miss M. E. Still
A. S. Brannon, Tohopeka, Ala	J. M. Boon, Jackson's Gap, Ala	26. Rock Spring, T	J. R. Prickett, Jackson's Gap, Ala	M. P. Nickolson, Jackson's Gap, Ala.
J. A. Dunn, Daviston, Ala.	Jacob Blackmon, Wise, Ala	27. Shiloh	No Sunday-school	
C. J. Burden, Dudleyville, Ala.	G. A. Lumford, Judson, Ala.	28. Sandy Creek	J. F. Reynolds, Judson, Ala.	A. O. Slaughter, Judson, Ala.
W. Wilkes, Sylacauga, Ala.	J. M. Berry, Jackson's Gap, Ala.	29. Tallapoosa	J. M. Berry, Jackson's Gap, Ala.	Robt. Smith, Jackson's Gap, Ala

25 Sunday-schools.

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Bledsoe, W C.	LaFayette, "
Bell, George L.	Jackson's Gap, "
Brannon, A. S.	Jackson's Gap, "
Bedell, W. H.	Waverly, "
Cline, J. H.	Hickory Flat, "
Cook, C.	Fredonia, "
Cumbee, J.	Stroud, "
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Hamner, J. W.	Fredonia, "
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McCarley, James A.	LaFayette, "
Moon, D. S.	Milltown, "
Roby, Z. D.	Camp Hill, "
Robertson, W. A.	Dadeville, "
Smith, A. S.	East Lake, "
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Shaffer, John P.	Roanoke, "
Stodghill, J. R.	Chapel Hill, "

LICENSED MINISTERS.

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Gibson, L.	Louina, "
Newman, G. S.	LaFayette, "
Roberson, J. T.	Dadeville, "
Stroud, L. B.	Chapel Hill, "

STANDING COMMITTEES TO REPORT AT SESSION OF 1891.

On State Missions—Rev. J. W. Hamner, Chairman; F. W. Shank, G. W. Hunt, J. C. Smith.

On Home Missions—Rev. T. B. Fargarson, Chairman; R. H. Autry, I. T. Talbot, J. H. Mayne.

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On Bible and Colportage—Rev. J. R. Stodghill, Chairman; B. F. Thornton, C. C East, J. M Rotton.

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On Education—Prof. G. W. Stevens, Chairman; J. B. Duke, I. T. Morgan, Graves Shaffer.

On State of Religion—Rev. W. C. Bledsoe Chairman; G. W. Newman, A. C Duffy, J. T. Fargarson.

On Religious Literature—Hon. W. L. Hood, Chairman; J. M. Berry, W. G. Jarrell, C C. Davis.

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